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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/EP99/10442, filed December 22, 1999, which is incorporated by reference herein and claims the priority of European Patent Application No. 98124699.4, filed December 24, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/115,632, filed January 12, 1999, which is incorporated by reference.

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REMARKS

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

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